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SUBJECT: MARCH 30 AND 31, THE 89TH AND 90TH DAYS OF THE OFFENSIVE

REF: PHNOM PENH 5710

1. SUMMARY. NEAK LUONG/BANAM REPORTED ATTACKS AND ATTACKS BY FIRE LAST NIGHT. NO RECENT NEWS HAS COME IN BUT THE STATUS OF BOTH TOWNS IS STILL UNDOUBTEDLY CRITICAL. ARMOR-SUPPORTED ELEMENTS OF AT LEAST THREE FANK BRIGADES HAVE REDUCED THE GAP WHICH THE KC PUNCHED NORTHWEST OF THE AIRFIELD MARCH 29(REFTEL). SIXTY-THREE ROCKETS HIT THE AIRFIELD AND VICINITY OVER THE PAST 48 HOURS AND PHNOM PENH'S FOUR ROCKETLESS DAYS ENDED WITH SIX INCOMING 107MM ROCKETS IN THE MORNING OF MARCH 31. THE ROCKETS AT POCHENTONG SLIGHTLY DAMAGED A C-130 AND TWO KHMER AIR FORCE GUNSHIPS BUT HAD NOT STOPPED THE AIRLIFT FROM APPROACHING A RECORD NUMBER OF SORTIES BY MID-AFTERNOON OF MARCH 31. END SUMMARY.

2. NEAK LUONG HAS NOT REPORTED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS BUT THE SITUATION THERE IS UNDOUBTEDLY STILL CRITICAL.  
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THE KC CUT NEAK LUONG AND BANAM APART LAST WEEK,

DESTROYING THE COHERENCE OF THE DEFENSIVE PERIMETER AND  
HAVE ATTACKED AND SHELLLED BOTH TOWNS SINCE.

3. ON MARCH 29 ELEMENTS OF THE FANK'S 28TH BRIGADE  
ARRIVED SOUTH OF THE GAP WHICH THE KC CREATED NOY  
IER  
BETWEEN TWO FANK BRIGADES 7 KM NORTHWEST OF THE AIRFIELD.  
THE 28TH WITH ARMOR SUPPORT ATTACKED NORTH AND THE  
43RD AND 11TH BRIGADES ATTACKED THE EASTERN SHOULDER  
REDUCING THE HOLE. FURTHER WEST, THE TUOL LEAP OPERATION  
AGAIN REPORTED NO PROGRESS.

4. PROVINCIAL ACTION SAW KOMPONG CHAM LOSE FIVE  
SMALL POSITIONS ON THE EAST BANK OF THE MEKONG. THESE  
POSTS HAVE CHANGED HANDS SEVERAL TIMES RECENTLY.  
BATTAMBANG REPORTS ATTACKS SOUTHEAST AND NORTHWEST OF  
THE CITY AND ATTACKS BY FIRE IN BATTAMERNG CITY AND  
ON THE TOWN'S AIR-  
FIELD. PREY VENG RAN OPERATIONS TO  
EXPANDED ITS NORTHERN PERIMETER KILLING A HANDFUL OF  
KC.

5. NO 105MM ARTILLERY ROUNDS HIT POCHENTONG AIRFIELD  
BUT THE KC FIRED SIXTY-THREE 107MM ROCKETS AT THE  
AIRPORT. THE ROUNDS DAMAGED A C-130 WHICH, HOWEVER,  
FLEW BACK TO THAILAND AND ALSO HIT TWO KHMER AIR  
FORCE AC-47 GUNSHIPS. LATE REPORTS OF ROCKET DAMAGE  
SHOW THAT TWO T-28'S AND THREE HELICOPTERS WERE HIT MARCH 29.  
SIX ROCKETS EXPLODED IN PHNOM PENH MARCH 31 ENDING  
FOUR QUIET DAYS SINCE THE LAST ROUNDS.  
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